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1. The construction of Ch'ingyang Airfield (N 24-48, E 118-35) was completed 25X1

the entire construction force that had worked at Ch'ingyang Airfield was concentrated in Shihshan (6108/1472), Nanan (N 24-58, E 118-24), waiting to be transferred to Tat'ien (N 25-42, E 117-50) Hsien. This work force was being transferred to Tat'ien to begin construction on a new and larger airfield. Some of the laborers were loaded into ten-wheeled trucks which left Shihshan in small convoys of ten trucks. Each truck carried approximately 65 persons.

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2. The Chinese Communists planned to build an airfield at Tat'ien twice as large as Ch'ingyang Airfield. The labor force utilized in building Ch'ingyang Airfield numbered 73,500 persons; 100,000 were scheduled to be used in building the airfield at Tat'ien, which was scheduled to be completed in eight months, or by May 1956. It was rumored that the new airfield would be able to support jet bomber operations.

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3. During the construction of Ch'ingyang Airfield, workers had been required to work 11 hours a day and had been paid at the rate of 80 cents in new people's currency per day. An airfield worker was allowed two and one-half catties of rice per day while a farmer in the same area was allotted less than one catty of rice per day.

4. The laborers at Ch'ingyang were divided into groups of ten with a Communist staff worker in charge of each group. The staff worker was responsible for checking the movements and the conversations of the members of the group. During a given working hour, workers were not permitted to talk to each other more than two minutes; talk was limited to that between any two persons. If three persons were caught conversing, at least two of them would be dismissed from their jobs. Since jobs were scarce, few workers committed infractions of the rules. In cases of sickness, a laborer at the airfield was given sick leave, but could not return to work when he had recovered. As long as a laborer's work was satisfactory and nothing untoward occurred, he was promised continuous employment. It was rumored that the airfield labor force would be transferred

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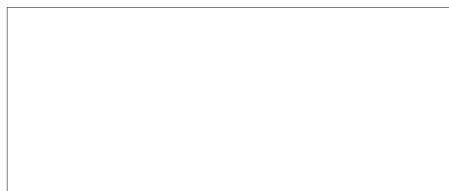
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to a railroad construction project in Fukien after the airfield at Tat'ien was completed.

1.  Comment.  the concrete appeared 100 percent poured on the runway, taxiway, parking aprons, and hardstands of Ch'ingyang Airfield; however, other facilities were still under construction at the airfield.

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